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Cannibalization of Government Property

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Terminal Learning Objective (TLO):

- Recognize what cannibalization of Government Property is, why it is allowed, and who is responsible for approving it.

Enabling Learning Objectives (ELO):

- ELO #1 – Define cannibalization of government property.
- ELO#2 – Recognize the benefits to cannibalizing government property in a contingency environment. Describe the roles of other individuals and organizations that may have responsibility for property other than the PA.
- ELO#3 – Describe the roles and responsibilities of the GPA and the ACO as it relates to the cannibalization of government property.

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Definition of Cannibalization

- 52.245-1 Government Property
  - (a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—
    - Cannibalize" means to remove parts from Government property for use or for installation on other Government property

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Why Cannibalize Government Property?

- Cannibalization is normally authorized for property that is Beyond Economical Repair (BER)
- Cannibalization may be authorized in situations based on criticality or urgency of need
- Parts removed that are not used immediately are to be recorded and properly stored in accordance with the contractor's Property Management System (PMS)
- Residual property resulting from cannibalization MUST be placed into disposal process by the contractor

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What is the benefit of Cannibalizing Government Property?

- The benefits of cannibalizing government property in a contingency environment are:
  - Cost savings/avoidance measure
  - Keeps mission rolling forward in the absence of spare parts availability

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Roles and Responsibilities

- **Property Administrator**
  - Reviews the contractor's request to cannibalize government property to ensure:

    - ✓ That the item being cannibalized is in fact not useable for its intended purpose
    - ✓ Determine how the assets got into that condition i.e. as a result of an LTDD, fair wear and tear, etc.

- **Contracting Officer (KO) or ACO**
  - ALL CANNIBALIZATION ACTIONS MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER PRIOR TO THE ACT

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Lesson Summary

- Definition of Cannibalization Government Furnished Property : To take parts from something, especially a machine, in order to use them elsewhere.
- The benefits to cannibalizing government property in a contingency environment:
  - Cost savings/avoidance measure
  - Keeps mission rolling forward in the absence of spare parts availability.
- The roles and responsibilities of the GPA and the ACO (as it relates to the cannibalization of government property):
  - PA reviews documentation and records for adequacy
  - KO/ACO approve contractor requests for cannibalizing government property.

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TEST TIME!

- Circle your answer for each test item.

- The test is student graded (trade/pass to your nearest student).
  - ✓ correct answers. "X" incorrect answers.

- All tests are collected at the end of the lesson.

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1. Requests to cannibalize government property are authorized only by the commander of a military unit?

(True/False)

False

2. Under no circumstances can government property be cannibalized ?

True/False)

False

3. Cannibalization is normally authorized for property that is Beyond Economical Repair (BER)?

True/False)

True

4. Generally parts removed through the cannibalization process are for immediate use on repair efforts?

True/False

True

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5. Residual property resulting from cannibalization should not be placed into the disposal process by the contractor

(True/False)

False

6. The benefits to cannibalizing government property in a contingency environment are:

A. Cost savings/avoidance measure

B. Keeps mission rolling forward in the absence of spare parts availability.

C. Both of the above

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